U.S.C. 8412(g), or retire after you submit an application for coverage, but before your coverage becomes effective, you must reapply as an annuitant and submit to full underwriting requirements.

(b) If you applied as an active workforce member, and otherwise separate from service, but you are a qualified relative of another workforce member, you must reapply based on the additional underwriting requirements specified for that type of qualified relative.

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§875.212 Is there a minimum application age?

Yes, there is a minimum application age. You must be at least 18 years old at the time you submit an application for coverage.

§875.213 May I apply as a qualified relative if I am the domestic partner of an employee or annuitant?

- (a) You may apply for coverage as a qualified relative if you are a domestic partner, as described in paragraph (b) of this section. As prescribed by OPM, you will be required to provide documentation to demonstrate that you meet these requirements.
- (b) For purposes of this part, the term "domestic partner" is a person in a domestic partnership with an employee or annuitant of the same sex. The term "domestic partnership" is defined as a committed relationship between two adults, of the same sex, in which the partners—
- (1) Are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely:
- (2) Have a common residence, and intend to continue the arrangement indefinitely;
- (3) Are at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to a contract:
- (4) Share responsibility for a significant measure of each other's financial obligations;
 - (5) Are not married to anyone else;
- (6) Are not a domestic partner of anyone else:
- (7) Are not related in a way that, if they were of opposite sex, would prohibit legal marriage in the State in which they reside; and

(8) Certify that they understand that willful falsification of the documentation described in paragraph (a) of this section may lead to disciplinary action and the recovery of the cost of benefits received related to such falsification and may constitute a criminal violation under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

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Subpart C—Cost

§875.301 Is there a Government contribution toward premiums?

There is no Government premium contribution toward the cost of long term care insurance.

§ 875.302 What are the options for making premium payments?

- (a) Premium payments may be made by Federal payroll or annuity deduction, uniformed services retirement pay deduction, by pre-authorized debit, or by direct billing.
- (b) You must continue to make premium payments when they are due for your coverage to stay in effect.

§875.303 How are premium payment errors corrected?

- (a) If the Carrier finds that you have underpaid the premium rate for your age and/or level of coverage, you must pay retroactive premiums to the Carrier for the amount due. If you fail to pay back premiums within the time provided by the Carrier to correct the error, the Carrier may terminate your coverage.
- (b) If the Carrier finds that you have overpaid premiums, the Carrier will either reimburse you or reduce a future premium payment(s) by the amount of the overpayment.
- (c) If you die while you have coverage, any premiums paid for the period beyond the date of your death will be refunded to your estate or to an alternate payee. If there is no estate, the Carrier will determine whether to pay the refund to an alternate payee. If you cancel your coverage, any premiums paid in advance for the period following the effective date of your cancellation will be refunded to you.
- (d) Any premiums you paid will be returned if you cancel coverage within